

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Andrew C. Gilbert, et al.  
Application No. : 10/040,837 Confirmation No. : 2702  
Filed : January 7, 2002  
For : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING  
CROSSING MARKETS  
Group Art Unit : 3684  
Examiner : Sarah M. Monfeldt

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the Examiner's reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability, or with any other characterization or rejection of the claims that the Examiner may have made during prosecution of this application. Accordingly, this statement as well as any other statement, amendment, or silence on Applicants' part in no way means or implies that Applicants have in any way disavowed or abandoned any subject matter or claim scope as a result of the Examiner's characterizations or rejections.

In particular, regarding the Examiner's reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability, Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's comments to the extent the comments deviate from an analysis of the claims and references. In addition, Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with any characterization of the claims made by the Examiner in discussing the references.

Respectfully submitted,

/Glen R. Farbanish/

March 17, 2010

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